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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(Department of International Trade)

RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 11th May 1962

No. 4-EP(Co-ord)/62.—For the development of India's economy, it is necessary that both internal trade and exports expand quickly and on sound lines. The Government of India have therefore decided to constitute a Board of Trade to review all aspects of trade and commerce and to advise and make recommendations to Government from time to time, with particular reference to the following:—

- (1) Expansion of production, internal trade and exports, including diversification of exports;
- (2) Rationalisation of imports and forging suitable imports exports relationships;
- (3) Maintenance and improvement of quality of production, standards, standardisation and quality control; organisation of inspection for quality control and pre-shipment inspection;
- (4) Export incentives;
- (5) Development of fair ethical and efficient trading practices including maintenance of fair prices; price support, price regulation, organisation of stock piling and buffer stocks; display of price lists and markings including price markings;
- (6) Studies of individual commodities, market research and market surveys;
- (7) Development of State Trading in commodities particularly for external trade; expanding the functions and operations of the State Trading Corporation/Corporations and other Agencies;
- (8) Promotion and development of Export Houses and Export Agencies;
- (9) Whole-sale and retail marketing; Cooperative marketing and Cooperative Consumer Stores; fair-price shops, etc.;
- (10) Exhibitions, trade fairs, emporia, show rooms and trade centres in India and abroad;
- (11) Promotion of salesmanship and marketing techniques and training of personnel for international trade; and
- (12) Facilitating the movement of goods, particularly goods for export by rail, road, air etc.

2. The Board will consist of not more than 15 members and the composition of the Board will be as follows:—

Chairman

- (1) Minister of International Trade.

Vice-Chairman

- (2) Special Secretary in the Department of International Trade.

Members

- (3) President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.
- (4) President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce.
- (5) Non-official Members not exceeding six nominated by Government representing trade, industry, economists and others.
- (6) Secretary, Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs).
- (7) Additional Secretary, Planning Commission.
- (8) Two senior officers in the Department of International Trade designated for this purpose as full-time directors dealing with production, incentives, quality control and movement.

Member-Secretary

- (9) A Joint Secretary in the Department of International Trade.

3. The Board will have power to co-opt members, not exceeding five. Secretaries to Government in other Ministries will be requested to attend meetings of the Board whenever necessary. The Board may also specially invite such other persons as it may consider necessary and in particular from among the following: Presidents/Chairmen of the Indian Cotton Mills Federation; The Indian Jute Mills Association; The All India Manufacturers Organisation; The State Trading Corporation; The Tea Board; The Forward Markets Commission; The Director-General of Shipping; The Chairman of the Railway Board; and Director of Indian Standards Institution.

4. The Board is appointed for a term of two years. The Board will lay down its own rules of procedure.

5. The Board may constitute a Standing Committee and other Committees from its Members, with co-opted members not exceeding one-third of its strength to transact such business as the Board may decide.

6. The Headquarters of the Board will be in Delhi but the Board may meet at any other place in India.

7. It is expected that the Board will meet once every month.

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to the Chairman, Members of the Board, the Private and Military Secretaries to the President, the Prime Minister's Secretariat, the Cabinet Secretariat, the Planning Commission, Ministries of the Government of India and all the State Governments in India.

Ordered also that the Resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general information.

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